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# S. 641

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2003

Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. MILLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Fire Department  
5 Equipment Priority Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
 2 **PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SUPPORT FOREST**  
 3 **SERVICE FEDERAL EXCESS PERSONAL PROP-**  
 4 **ERTY PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2576b of title 10, United  
 6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Subject” and  
 8 inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of  
 9 law and subject”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
 11 section (e); and

12 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
 13 lowing new subsection (d):

14 “(d) PRIORITY FOR RURAL FIREFIGHTING AGEN-  
 15 CIES.—(1) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary  
 16 of Agriculture shall enter into an agreement to use the  
 17 authority under section 524 of title 40 to transfer to the  
 18 Forest Service property described in subsection (a) for re-  
 19 utilization of that property by firefighting agencies in  
 20 rural areas.

21 “(2) The priority given under the agreement to a  
 22 transfer of Department of Defense excess personal prop-  
 23 erty to the Forest Service for reutilization by firefighting  
 24 agencies in rural areas shall be at least equal to the pri-  
 25 ority given to transferring such property to the military

1 departments and other entities within the Department of  
2 Defense.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading for  
4 such section is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 2576b. Excess personal property: reutilization to**  
6 **assist firefighting agencies”.**

7 (2) The item relating to such section in the table of  
8 sections at the beginning of chapter 153 of title 10, United  
9 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“2576b. Excess personal property: reutilization to assist firefighting agencies.”.

